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In re Application of: Michael L. MARIN and Ralph MARIN

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For: METHOD FOR ENDOLUMINALLY EXCLUDING AN AORTIC ANEURYSM

(As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 February 15, 2000

Sir:

In advance of prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In The Title:

Please change "Method and Apparatus for Forming an Endoluminal Bifurcated

raft" to --METHOD FOR ENDOLUMINALLY EXCLUDING AN AORTIC ANEURYSM --.